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Don't dump polluted water into our lakes, rivers, and streams. We must find an alternative for disposing of wastewater from the Moneta Divide oil and gas field. Dumping into the streams will carry down the entire watershed and affect anyone downstream. I work on the river in the outdoor recreation industry as a raft guide in Wind River Canyon. We cannot endanger and destroy the public natural resource that is the Wind & Bighorn Rivers. The Wind is listed as a class 1 river and has been since 1979. For this reason, we should not use samples from a recent time scale (2000 forward) as a baseline measure for water quality. Do not allow oil and gas fields, fueled by short-sighted economic gains to cause irreversible damage to what little natural resources we are still privileged to experience.